

# Fairfield County Leadership Council 2017 Year in Review



**January** - We kicked the year off with the Women in Philanthropy Speaker Panel at the Pequot Library. This was Save the Children's gift to our community – an educational event for all to enjoy – about women just like you who are making a difference in this world.

**March** – Bernie hosted our first annual Spring Fundraising Luncheon at the Aspetuck Valley Country Club, where our CEO and President Carolyn Miles and VP of U.S. Programs Bill Corwin introduced our community to the work that we are doing in rural communities here in the U.S.. We also welcomed Annie, Sharlene and Journee, mentor, mother and daughter from our programs in South Carolina. We were grateful to all of you for purchasing tables and inviting so many of your friends. The sell-out event

raised over \$33,000 for our early education programs in the U.S.

**May** – It was great to see many of you at the Greenwich Leadership Council's annual book review. Carolyn Miles engaged Jeanette Walls, author of *The Glass Castle*, who was humble, humorous, and an inspiring example of how the love of reading and the confidence to reach for the stars can break the cycle of poverty in our country.

**June** – Our first Band Together concert was a smash hit. We filled the house on a lovely summer night, where everyone enjoyed paellas, drinks and socializing on the patio, and then dancing and cowbell ringing to classic rock all night. Your involvement in buying tickets, securing raffle gifts and sponsors, and again, bringing all of your friends to gather, all contributed to almost \$20,000 raised for Save the Children's mission!

**July** – Lindsay joined members of the Long Island Council for a visit to our programs in South Carolina. It was great to see Annie, Sharlene and Journee again and engage with all the kids and teachers in the SummerBoost program. Lindsay and our Long Island friends made a generous gift to the community to purchase some needed playground equipment at the elementary school.



**August** – Lori was one of the hostesses of a salon event in Nantucket, where Dr. Jill Biden and Carolyn Miles engaged old and new friends and supporters in a stunning summertime setting.

**September** – Save the Children hosted a “brown bag” educational session at headquarters about our work with refugees around the world. Maha Karahamad, a Syrian refugee who fled the country with her 2 children, had another child while on the run, resettled in Connecticut and now works for Save the Children, spoke to the group about her experience and her hope for her children’s future here in America. I don’t think there was a dry eye in the room that afternoon!



**September** – this month also marked our 2nd annual Golf and Tennis Classic at the Patterson Club. We missed your attendance in person but were grateful for Sheila’s donation of a diamond necklace for the silent raffle.

**October** – Bernie, Lindsay and Sheila attended Save the Children’s annual Illumination Gala. Everyone enjoyed the dramatic setting at the Museum of Natural History and the star power on stage - from Dr. Jill Biden to actress Jen Garner to singer Ryan Tedder – and inspiring real people too, from a NYC kids’ chorus to children from rural U.S., Bolivia and Syria. The event raised over \$2.2 million for

Save the Children’s work in the U.S. and around the world.

**October** - When Hurricane Maria struck Puerto Rico, Band Together came around again, and played a night of Latin American music to raise funds for Save the Children’s efforts to help the youngest victims in Puerto Rico. Our friends at Fire and Rice returned with more Paella, and our students baked delicious treats for guests, and we raised \$25,000 to help families in Puerto Rico rebuild their lives.

**November** – Save the Children’s Marketing and Media Team hosted a workshop for the Fairfield and Greenwich councils about Save the Children’s mission, with advice on how to distill our vast, complicated organization into brief, clear and compelling messages to friends and potential supporters.

**December** – Save the Children, Bernie and Barbara hosted a Pizza Party to launch the Fairfield County Youth Council. Students attended from 10 area schools and exchanged ideas on activities and events to raise awareness and funds for Save the Children across the county.

